

- Please replace the paragraph at page 45, lines 6-14 with the following amended text:

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According to movement of the cleaner lever 25, the elastic sub-blade 51 maintains substantially, in the deflected state with a radius of R1 and rubs off the foreign matter on the rubber member 26a of the elastic wiping blade 26 and the metal blade 27. By this, not only the foreign matter deposited on the first blade portion 26c of the elastic wiping blade 26 but also those deposited on the rubber member 26a of the elastic wiping blade 26 and those deposited on the metal blade 27 can be scraped off.

- Please replace the two paragraphs at page 45, line 27 – page 46, line 14 with the following amended text:

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When the cleaner lever 25 is lowered after completion of cleaning of the nozzle surface 3 of the ink-jet head 2, the third blade portion 27a of the metal blade 27 contacts with the elastic sub-blade 51 in tilted condition. As a result, the foreign matter deposited on the upper surface of the elastic sub-blade 51 or the second blade portion 51a is scraped and drops into the blade receptacle portion 45.

On the other hand, as shown in Fig. 6C, according to lowering of the cleaner lever 25, the elastic sub-blade 51 deflects downwardly at the portion of the length L2 projecting from the first support member 48 of the frame supporting body 48. Throughout the period contacting with the elastic wiping blade 26, the deflected condition with a curve radius R2 which is greater than the curve radius R1 is substantially maintained.